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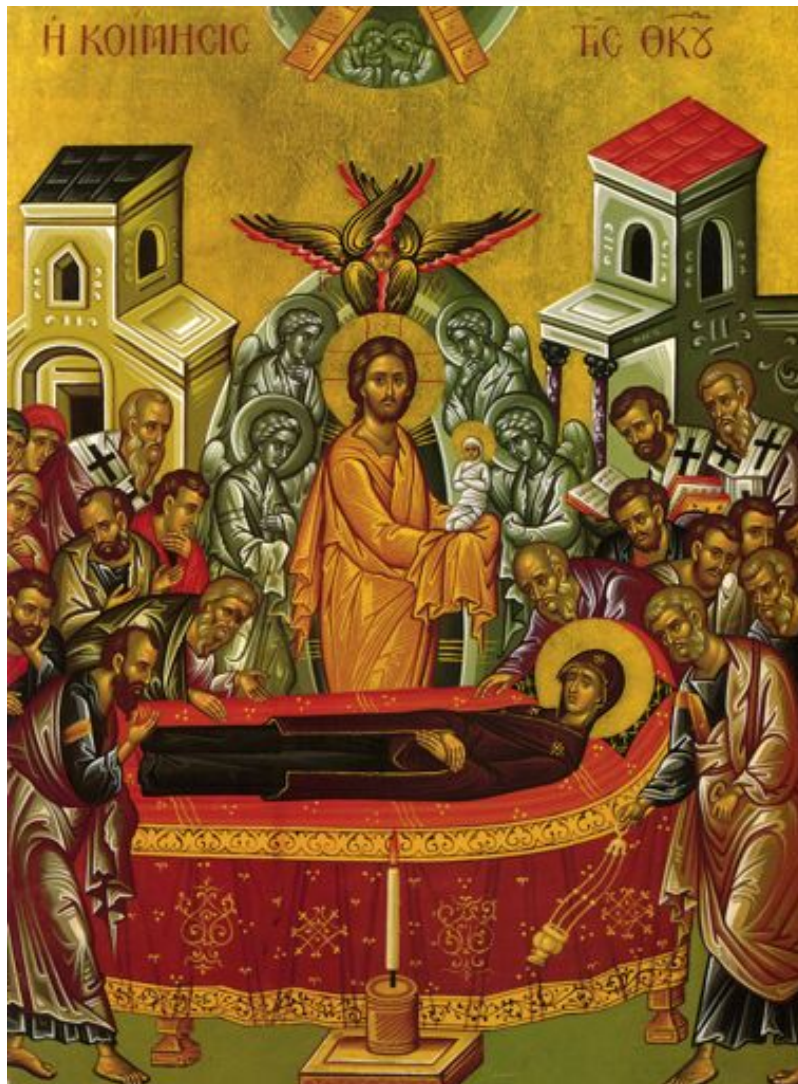
OF THE

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Marietta, GA

AUGUST 2011



DORMITION of the THEOTOKOS

Η Κοίμησις της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου

The falling asleep of the Most Holy Theotokos

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Orthros..... 8:45 am Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 am

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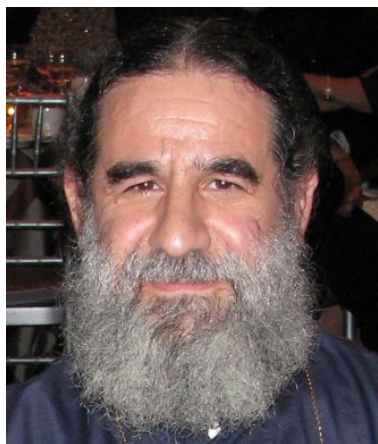
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Directions to our Parish:

FROM I-75 Exit at 267-A. At 1st light, turn right (Sandy Plains Road). Continue for 3-4 miles until you see a CVS Pharmacy on your left. At that light turn left onto Trickum Rd. Proceed Approx 1/2 mile. Church will be on your left. Can't miss it!

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/directions/>

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!!!



During my recent trip to Greece I had the opportunity to attend the tonsure of a young woman (by the name Genovefa) to the monastic life. She was one of the children who were growing up with my children in Agia Napa in Cyprus during my service there. She has now grown to adulthood and made the serious decision to devote herself to constant prayer, to dedicate herself to God as a nun, a "bride of Christ". After two years of a testing period as a novice she was finally allowed to enter the ranks of "the angelic schema" of the monastics. This entails obedience to God and her abbess, a life of temperance and humility, fasting and prayer, chastity and poverty.

The tonsure of a nun is held during the Divine Liturgy after the Small Entrance. Dressed in a white tunic, she was led by the abbess into the small church of the ancient monastery. She went up to her parents and grandmother (standing on the left) and received their blessing. She kissed her siblings and then received the blessing of her spiritual fathers; this was a very touching moment for me for she had had her first confessions with me as she was growing up and had specifically invited me to be present for this. She was now following in the footsteps of the saints: "Will she be able to sanctify herself through this life", I thought. Two other young women from Agia Napa who are already at the monastery as nuns stood on each side chanting "Kyrie Eleyson" as Genovefa bent down in front of the bishop who read the prayers over her. The bishop cut her hair in a crosswise manner and then put over her the black monastic habit pronouncing her new name "Macrina". This was the feast day of St. Macrina, sister of St. Basil. Genovefa was leaving behind her old self and embracing this new life along with a new name. Her face was glowing with joy. Everyone noted at that moment and later that her face had changed after the tonsure. She was reborn in the Holy Spirit!

The service continued as the nuns chanted in their beautiful voices "those who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia!" (Gal. 3:27) But the most moving moment for me, was when the bishop handed her a cross and a candle to hold telling her to "let your light shine in front of men so that they may see your good works and glorify God who is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

Macrina is on the path to sanctification and holiness. May the light of her life shine in front of us so that we may find our path to the Kingdom of God, as well.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, ALWAYS!

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

August 2011

August 1, Monday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

Beginning of the Fast of August. Oil and wine is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays.

Fish is allowed on August 6 for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Savior.

Monday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 2, 3, 4, Tuesday-Thursday, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 5, Friday Evening: Great Vespers - the Transfiguration of the Savior

Great Vespers begins at 6:30 pm -- Feast-Day of our Parish begins.

Reception to follow the Great Vespers in our Parish Hall.

August 6, Saturday. The Transfiguration of the Savior. **Parish Feast-Day.**

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am, followed by coffee and social time in our church hall - *Today we eat fish.*

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 7, Sunday. Eighth Sunday of Matthew, Sunday after the Transfiguration of the Lord

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 13, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 14, Sunday. Ninth Sunday of Matthew. Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday Evening: Great Vespers, Dormition of the Theotokos 5:00 pm

August 15, Monday. Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 20, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 21, Sunday. Tenth Sunday of Matthew.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 26, Friday Evening: Overnight Vigil (Άγρυπνία) Feast of St. Fanourios

Great Vespers **9:00 pm** followed by Orthros and Divine Liturgy (to finish after midnight)

August 27, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 28, Sunday. Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 29, Monday. Remembrance of the Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner (the Baptist)

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. *This is a day of strict fast.*

Saint Kosmas Aitolos, the New Hieromartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles (+1779)
August 24th



Saint Kosmas the Aitolian, or Patrokosmas, as he is called, is a figure in both church and national history who in the 18th century cast his light upon the path which the Greeks would follow a little before the outbreak of the Struggle for Liberation. He was the son of devout parents who brought him up accordingly, and he came from the village of Mega Dendron in Aitolia.

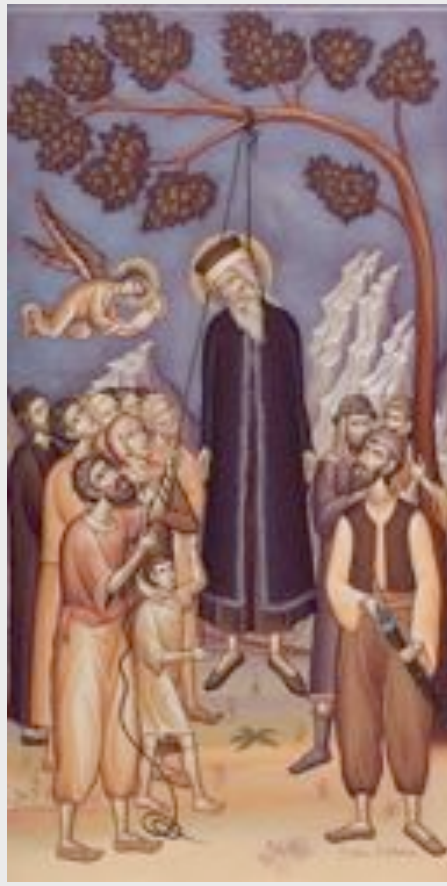
His aptitude for learning took him to the school run by the Vatopedi Monastery on the Holy Mountain, where he studied under teachers famed for their learning. When the Athonite Academy fell into decay, the young Kostas (his name in the world) went to the Philotheou Monastery. There he was tonsured a monk and given the name of Kosmas and zealously engaged in many ascetic practices. At the request of the fathers of the Monastery, he was ordained a priest.

St. Kosmas had a burning desire to be of service to his brothers in Christ who were suffering so many hardships. The enslavement of many years with the subsequent degradation of life, ignorance, and the decline into barbarity in behaviour were the scourges of the mass of Christians. The reflections of St. Kosmas on this situation led him to go out to the people and begin a series of preaching tours. As his thoughts matured, with the permission of the fathers of the Monastery, around 1760 he left for Constantinople, where he received the blessing of the Patriarch Seraphim II.

St. Kosmas began his preaching from the enslaved Capital itself. He then went to Nafpaktos, Mesolonghi, and other areas, returning to Constantinople in 1774. With the permission of the new Patriarch Sophronius II, the Saint resumed his apostolic task. He returned for a little while to Athos, but his love for the Church's flock led his steps to Thessaloniki, Veria, and other parts of Macedonia. From there, he moved on to Acarnania and Aitolia, as far as Arta and Preveza.

Because of the large crowds which followed him, the Saint used to preach on open plains, always with the permission of the local bishop and aga (local Turkish official). His words were simple, but filled with the Holy Spirit. It was his custom wherever he was going to preach to tell the people to construct a wooden cross. He would then place a stool which he carried with him against the cross and preach standing upon it. The cross would remain as a reminder of his preaching. (cont.-->)

**Saint Kosmas Aitolos, the New Hieromartyr and Equal-to-the Apostles (+1779)
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St. Kosmas preaching to the people - Martyrdom of St. Kosmas by the Turks - Finding of St. Kosmas' body

The Saint urged the Christians to build schools so that their children could learn about the Faith and be well-grounded in Christian piety. He would speak to them about the services of the Church, explain to them the value of repentance and confession, warning them against sin and urging them to lead lives of goodness.

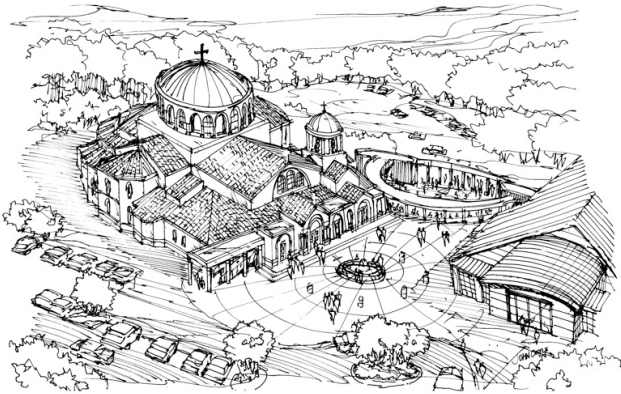
As with the Apostles, St. Kosmas' preaching was often confirmed by miraculous signs. The Saint was admired and even feared by many Turks, and hated by many Jews. They spread unfounded accusations against him and slandered him to Kurt Pasha, to whom they offered money if he would put St. Kosmas to death. Kurt Pasha conspired with the hodja of the village of Kolikontasi in Albania that a trap would be set for St. Kosmas. On the pretext that the Pasha wished to see him, they took the Saint to a remote spot and hung him on August 24th, 1779. His murderers stripped the sanctified body of the Saint, tied a stone to it, and threw it into the river. The local Christians looked for his corpse, but could not find it. In a miraculous manner it rose to the surface and was pulled out by Papa Markos, the priest of the All-Holy Theotokos of the Presentation Monastery, which is near Kolikontasi, and buried it at the back of the sanctuary. Many other miracles followed the martyr's death of the Saint, and he was quickly established in the mind of the people not only as a martyr but as a true apostle.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - AUGUST

8/1/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2	Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22
8/2/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60	Gospel: Mark 12:1-12
8/3/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:12-22	Gospel: Matthew 16:20-24
8/4/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:28-33; 11:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28	
8/5/2011	Epistle: St. Peter's First Universal Letter 1:1-25; 2:1-10	Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42
8/6/2011	Matins: Luke 9:28-36 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9	Epistle: St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10-19
8/7/2011	Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17
8/8/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-34; 12:1-6	Gospel: Matthew 18:1-11
8/9/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26	Gospel: Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15
8/10/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 13:4-13; 14:1-5	Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16
8/11/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:6-19	Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28
8/12/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:26-40 Gospel: Matthew 21:12-14; 17-20	
8/13/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 14:6-9	Gospel: Matthew 15:32-39
8/14/2011	Matins: John 20:19-31 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17
8/15/2011	Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11
8/16/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Gospel: Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22	
8/17/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:4-12	Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32
8/18/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:1-7	Gospel: Matthew 21:43-46
8/19/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:12-20	Gospel: Matthew 22:23-33
8/20/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:30-33	Gospel: Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4
8/21/2011	Matins: John 21:1-14 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16
8/22/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 2:3-15	Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22
8/23/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11	Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
8/24/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:4-11	Gospel: Matthew 23:29-39
8/25/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19
8/26/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19
8/27/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:3-9	Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12
8/28/2011	Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12
8/29/2011	Matins: Matthew 14:1-13	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 13:25-33 Gospel: Mark 6:14-30
8/30/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:15-21	Gospel: Mark 1:16-22
8/31/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7	Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

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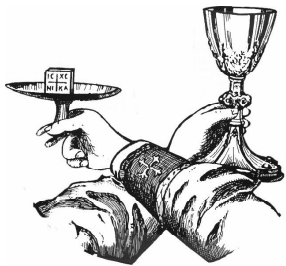


Enabling our hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches through the understanding of the mystery of God. (Col. 2:2)

Please fill out your Pledge Card today and bring your offering to the Lord.

**If you have not done so yet, please send in your
2011 Stewardship Pledge**

"Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)



***"YOUR OWN GIFTS,
OF YOUR OWN,
WE OFFER UNTO YOU."***

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is the act of returning to God what is His. We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, *"Your own gifts, of Your own, we offer to You."* We acknowledge that everything we offer to God is a gift from Him. We take what God has given to us and we return it to Him as an act of our thanksgiving and praise.

As stewards of God's gifts, we return to Him a portion of our time, talents and treasures so that Christ's work on earth might be accomplished through His Church.

Please join the Stewardship program so that you may receive the joy which He gives to those who love Him!

*"We praise you, we bless you,
we thank you, O Lord and we
pray to you O our God."*

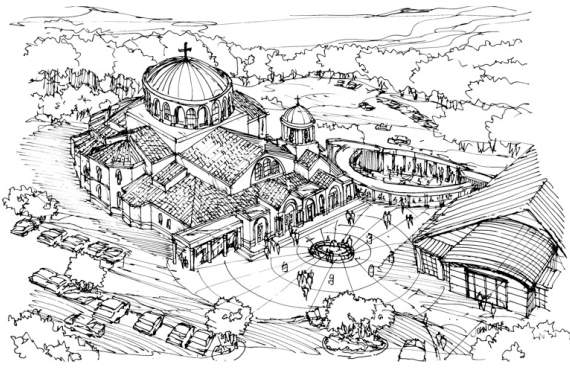
The Necessity of Stewardship

Our Parish depends on the Stewardship of its members. Our Parish is funded by us.

Let us offer to our Parish from the Gifts of God to us. Let us offer in proportion of His Gifts to us. Let us bring our offering with a joyful heart.

You will be Blessed greatly if you support the work of our Parish and the work of His Church.

Have you submitted your Stewardship Card and Building Fund Pledge? If not, please do so today.

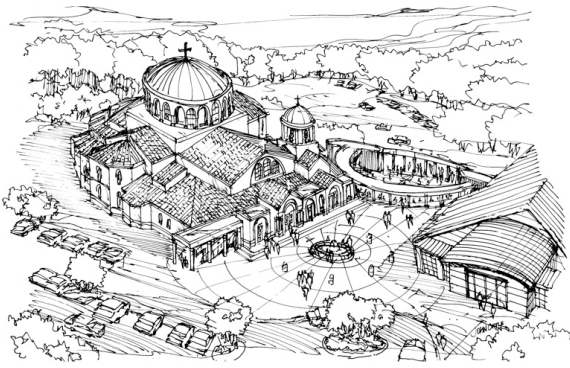


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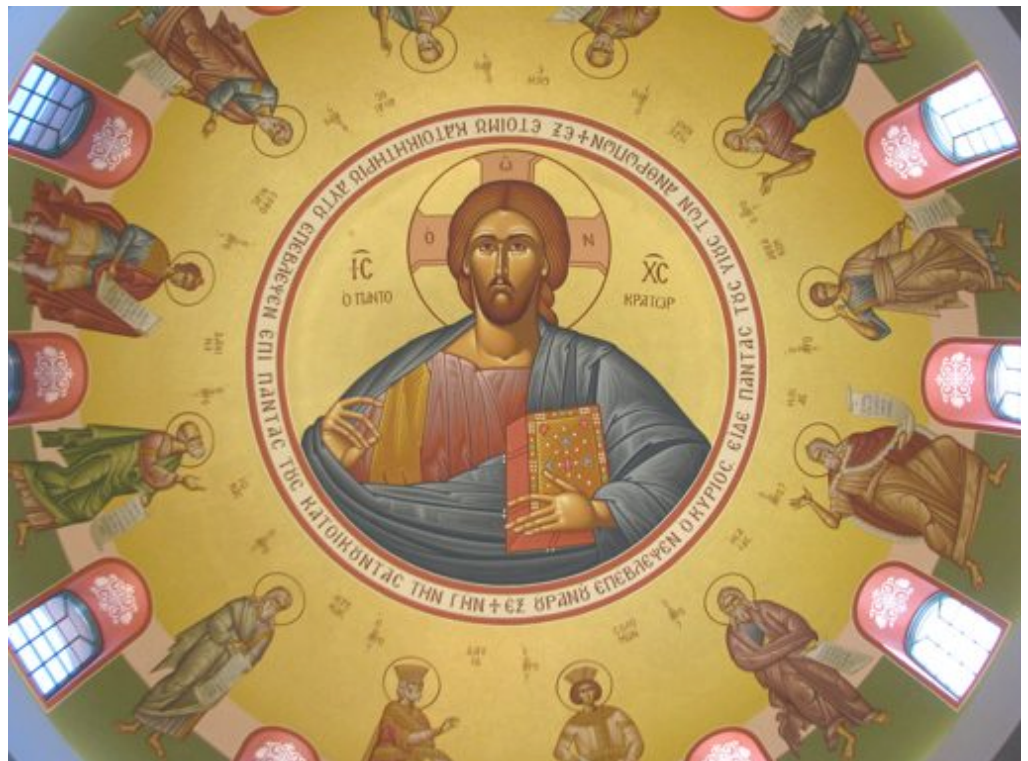
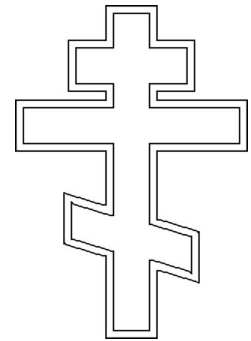
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& HONOR*

Dr. Steve Kargas & Eva Peczat - June 11, 2011



Eve of the Feast of the Transfiguration, Friday, Aug. 5th.

Great Vespers begins at 6:30 pm, followed by a light reception with fruit and refreshments.

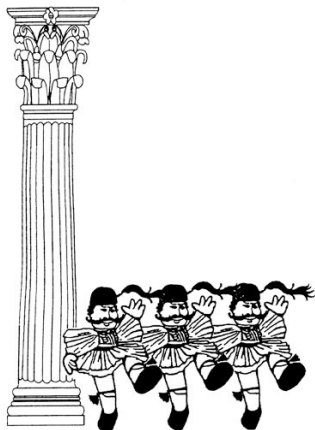
The Transfiguration of the Savior - Parish Feast-Day - Saturday, Aug. 6th.

Orthros at 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am, followed by a fish luncheon in the Parish Life Center.

Council of Ministries Annual Meeting -

Tuesday, August 23rd, 6:30 pm

Parish Life Center



HELLENIC DANCE Kick-Off:

MARK THE DATE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

FOLLOWING LITURGY, WE WILL HAVE A MEETING
IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER FOR DANCERS AND
THEIR PARENTS TO ANNOUNCE OUR PLANS FOR
DANCE THIS FALL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HOPE & JOY (2011-2012)

Coordinators: Elaine Bilson, 404-825-9454; Katerina Quintero, 973-668-0981.

We look forward to an exciting year for Hope and Joy. We plan to continue the lecture series for parents (topics to be announced). Furthermore, we have some social activities both on and off campus throughout the year. Details to follow. Please contact us should you have any questions or would like to help plan an activity throughout the year. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Homecoming Picnic!

Elaine and Katerina

The Choir welcomes and needs new voices, young and old, to sing with us during services on Sundays and various Holidays. It is not necessary for you to read or speak Greek. Most music is in English phonetics. All we need is for you to make a commitment to sing with us to enhance the spiritual element of the Divine Liturgy and other services.

Please join us in singing a "Joyful Noise Unto the Lord". For further info, please contact the church office or Demetri Miltiades at dmiltiades@mslogistics.us



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**



"As Iron Sharpens Iron, One Man Sharpens Another" (Proverbs 27:17)

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sept. 13	Fall Kick-Off - Second Tuesday Meeting - PLC
Oct. 11	Second Tuesday Meeting

District Level Scholarships Awarded. Please join me in congratulating the following Holy Transfiguration students who received AHEPA DISTRICT #1 scholarships. This is a significant accomplishment...in addition to the eleven scholarships awarded at the Chapter level.

Eleni Davino; Maria Linebaugh; Sophia Linebaugh; Angelica Scelzi; Arthur Tingas

Fall Kick Off. Our chapter will resume our regular monthly meeting schedule in September. This will be our traditional grilled steak dinner. We will lay out our plans for the coming year to continue to strengthen our brotherhood and fellowship. Is something missing in your life? We are a Christian organization that meets monthly for fellowship and fun based on the ideals of AHEPA: Civic Responsibility, Education, Individual & Family Excellence, Philanthropy, and Hellenism. We are known for our scholarships, but are also becoming known as a men's group that enjoy each other's friendship and support. Join us!

Questions about AHEPA? Interested in being a member of this great organization? Please contact any Board Member.

Your Board: Ron Sprouse, Harry Kipreos, Zack Kollias, Phillip Vodas
Vice Presidents: Keath Paxten, Jim Tidwell, Greg Muse, Andy Johansen



Every month we will be acknowledging and thanking the people who fill out the time & talent portion of their pledge card and then get involved!

This month the names come from David Linebaugh for the catechism ministry.

RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO FREELY OFFER THEIR TIME AND TALENTS

CATECHISM SCHOOL MINISTRY

The parishioners listed below, under the leadership of David Linebaugh, have offered their time and talents freely to Catechism School Ministry this year. As the result of their efforts, our children and youth have learned about their faith and enjoyed caring fellowship. As you see these people around the parish, please thank them for tireless efforts on behalf of our young people.

Carol Adamson

Vicki Gekas

Cristina Sarmir

Toula Brotsis

Tina Isaac

Christine Smallwood

Deb Buchan

Tasia Kipreos

Pam Starks

Kerry Buchan

Connie Kollias

Maria Tassopoulos

Lara Bundros

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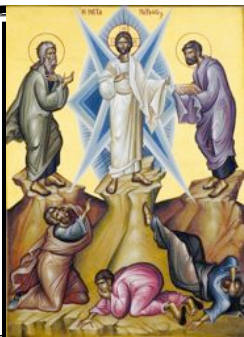
Ann Zakreski

Make sure your ministry volunteers are recognized in next month's Syndiakonia by sending a list to the church office.

GOYA- CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST

Sat., 08/06/2011

**TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD &
SAVIOR JESUS
CHRIST**



“Christ took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!””

-Doxastikon of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sat., 08/13/2011

**ST. MAXIMOS THE
CONFESSOR**

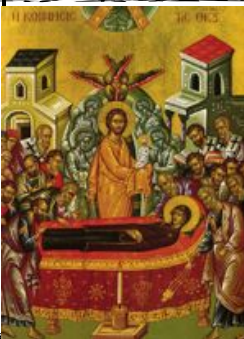


“When all the people in Babylon were worshipping the golden idol, the Three Holy Youths did not condemn anyone to perdition. They did not concern themselves with what others were doing, but took care only for themselves, so as not to fall away from true piety. In precisely the same way, Daniel also, when cast into the den, did not condemn any of those who, in fulfilling the law of Darius, did not want to pray to God; but he bore in mind his duty, and desired rather to die than to sin and be tormented by his conscience for transgressing God’s Law. God forbid that I, too, should condemn anyone, or say that I alone am being saved. However, I would sooner agree to die than, having apostatized in any way from the right faith, endure the torments of my conscience.”

-St. Maximos the Confessor

Mon., 08/15/2011

**DORMITION OF OUR
MOST HOLY LADY
THE THEOTOKOS &
EVER-VIRGIN MARY**



“At your deathless Dormition, O Theotokos and Mother of Life, clouds caught the Apostles up into the air; and, from being dispersed throughout the world, they were reunited before your immaculate body. And when they had buried you with dignity, they lifted up their voices and sang the words of Gabriel: “Rejoice, O unwedded and virgin Mother who are full of grace; the Lord is with you.” Along with them, entreat your Son and our God, for the salvation of our souls.”

-Doxastikon of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Wed., 05/24/2011

**ST. KOSMAS
AITOLOS,
NEW HIEROMARTYR
& EQUAL-TO-THE-
APOSTLES**

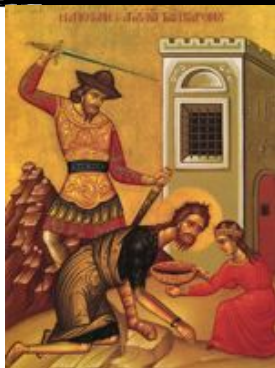


“This prayer should never be absent from you: ‘Lord, Jesus Christ, Son and Logos of the Living God, through the Theotokos and all the Saints, have mercy upon me, Thy sinful and unworthy servant’. Always say this prayer both with your mouth and with your mind, day and night, wherever you may be, whether eating, walking, working, or sitting. Always meditate on it, as it benefits you a great deal, frees you from every evil, delivers you there from eternal Hell, and renders you worthy of going to Paradise, our heavenly country.”

-St. Kosmas Aitolos

Mon., 05/29/2011

**BEHEADING OF THE
VENERABLE HEAD
OF THE GLORIOUS
PROPHET,
FORERUNNER &
BAPTIST JOHN**



“The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.”

-Apolytikion of the Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist

GOYA REWIND - SERVICE: VCS STAFF, MUST MINISTRIES,
& CLEANING OUT PLC WALK-IN COOLER



GOYA - REWIND - ST. STEPHEN SUMMER CAMP



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Learn basic conversational skills, reading/writing, and much more!

For enrollment information, please contact:

Natalie Konstadinidis at creco3@yahoo.com

Eleni Clement at liebel7@yahoo.com

Or, call the church office at 770-924-8080

Classes start Tuesday, September 13, 2011



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos Welcome Back Luncheon

Please help us kick off the new year and spend an afternoon of fun and fellowship on:

Sunday, August 28, 2011

1:00 pm

Milton's

780 Mayfield Road

Milton, GA. 30009

Speaker: Father George Pallas

Menu Choices

\$20 (includes coffee or tea, tax and tip)

Chef's Quiche Plate

(Chef's daily offering with seasonal fruit, petite arugula salad)

Southern Fried Chicken Breast

(creamy mashed potatoes, green beans, andouille red eye gravy)

Shrimp and Grits

(Georgia White Shrimp, smoked bacon, red & yellow peppers, cremini mushrooms, scallions & lemon beurre blanc over cheddar cheese stone ground grits)

***Please make your reservations and payment on Sundays in August at the PLC,
after Divine Liturgy.***

For more information, please contact:

Nancy Barke: nbarke36@gmail.com or 678.643.1852

Evelyn Bilson: evelynbilson@hotmail.com or 770.363.8216

Dorothy Macris: dorothymacris@comcast.net or 770.475.3459

Prime Timers News

Our last general meeting was our annual summer picnic/barbeque in June at the PLC. Thank you Xanthippe Marsico for making arrangements with Williamson Bros. for a delicious lunch, and for testing our “trivia” knowledge with engaging activities. On July 24, some of us enjoyed watching a polo match at the Chukkar Farm Polo Club in Alpharetta. We were happy to support the Cherokee Rotary Club in this fund raiser for the Goshen Valley Boys Ranch.

In memory of Kristalia Metropoulos, Prime Timers has donated \$300 toward the cost of the Holy Transfiguration Icon. “Kris” was very active in our Prime Timers, and we will miss her very much. May her memory be eternal!

We hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and will be ready to join Prime Timers for fun and fellowship at our upcoming events! Please mark your calendars for:

August 20: General Meeting and Brunch/Lunch at the Diner at North Point (see below)

September 18: Sponsor “Coffee/Fellowship Hour” (Sign up at Aug. 20 General Meeting)

Sept. 29 - Oct. 2: Atlanta Greek Festival

Oct. 15 & 16: Cumming Greek Festival

October 15: Trip to Diakonia Retreat Center (Details coming soon)

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**Join Prime Timers
for
Brunch/Lunch
at
The Diner at North Point
2355 Mansell Rd.
Alpharetta, GA**

12:00 Noon, Saturday, August 20, 2011

RSVP: Mary Stiakakis (770-740-0127) or Dorothy Botni (770-971-9956) by Aug. 17

DEKAPENTAUGOUSTOS PANIGYRI

*The Kolokotronis-Peloponnesian Society and
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INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN
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TO HONOR THE FEAST DAY OF
THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
DEKAPENTAUGOUSTOS

Traditional Greek Cooking
Roast Pig (gourounopoula), Chicken Kontosouvli,
Traditional Salad Xoriatiki, Patates, Fasolakia, Karpouzi, Wine, etc.
Traditional Greek Music
(Laika, Dimotika, Kritika, Nisiotika, etc.)
Dancing at the Amphitheater
Proceeds will be used to support Church Ministries

When: Monday August 15, 2011, starting at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, Marietta.
Cost: Adults: \$15; Children under 12 years: \$6; under 5 years free:
Families of immediate members under 18 years old: \$50

For more information call: Dimitrios Lymberopoulos 770-944-1334 or Theodore Georgacopoulos 770-993-8002

August 2011

- US Holidays
- Sacraments
- Social Events/Rentals
- Divine Services
- Ministry Meetings
- Home
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- Facilities
- Fr. George Schedule
- Fr. Panayiotis Schedule
- Sacraments

July 2011							August 2011							September 2011							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Seventh Sunday of Matthew 31 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	1 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	2 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	3 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 7:00 PM COYA Meeting	4 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	5 Forefeast of ...r Jesus Christ 6:30 PM Great Vespers of the Savior the Transfiguration of the Savior 7:45 PM Reception	6 Transfiguration...rd and Savior 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM Name Day Celebration 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Eighth Sunday of Matthew 7 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	8 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	9 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	10 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 7:00 PM Education, Culture and Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 PM COYA Meeting	11 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	12 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	13 5:00 PM Great Vespers
14 Ninth Sunday...he Theotokos 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Great Vespers, Dormition of the Theotokos	15 The Dormiti...er Virgin Mary 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	16 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	17 7:00 PM COYA Meeting	18 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting	19 8:30 AM Catechism Teacher Workshop 5:00 PM Great Vespers	20 8:30 AM Catechism Teacher Workshop 5:00 PM Great Vespers
21 Tenth Sunday of Matthew 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM A fourteen year Memorial Service is given by Beth James, Debbie Kite, 1:00 PM Hellenic Dance Kick-Off	22 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	23 6:30 PM Council of Ministries	24 7:00 PM COYA Meeting	25 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting	26 Feast of St. Fanourios 9:00 PM Overnight Vigil-Great Vespers; Orthros; Divine Liturgy	27 5:00 PM Great Vespers
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DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Aug. 7, 2011	G. Lopos/A. Tsarouhas	All	P. Dunkerly/ D.Macris	TBA
Aug. 14, 2011	H. Catrakilis/ M. Kipreos	All	A. Leros/I. Steffas	TBA
Aug. 21, 2011	P. Bilson/J. Tidwell	All	D. Bafas/K. Niarchos	TBA
Aug. 28, 2011	M. Alberts/G. Lopos	All	D. Botni/N. Gess	TBA

Altar Boy Team Summer Schedule: Please note that during the summer months any altar boy is welcome to serve on any given Sunday. The weekly team schedule will start up again in September.